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METHOD FOR USING A PRE-CONFIGURED ATM SWITCH AND TRAFFIC DISCARD TO FACILITATE UPSR SELECTION

## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An ATM switch is configured to route ATM traffic from two receive circuits to a destination. One copy of this traffic is discarded in one of the receive circuits so that only a single copy is passed to the ATM switch. Receive circuits contemplate both virtual path (VP) level and card or circuit level metrics for qualification of signals.